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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))**

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Sir:

1. This is a Petition for an extension by one month(s) of the time to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 8, 2003.
2. Applicant is (~~not~~) a small entity.
3. Attached is a check in the sum of \$55.00. Charge to Deposit Account 12-0415 any additional fee required or credit for any excess paid.
4. A Response to the Official Action is filed concurrently with this Petition.
5. A duplicate of this Petition is attached.

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